



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis  
(founded 1863) dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

## The Monroe County Catholic Churches

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

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Retired

### March 1, 2020

### First Sunday of Lent

### Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7 Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12, 17–19 Mt 4:1–11

**Bulletin information** must be in to the office by Thursday at 8:00am.

**Parish Registration:** *New Parishioners* are always welcome! Please contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to register.

**Infant Baptism:** contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to schedule.

**Confessions:** at Woodsfield: Sat. 4:00pm to 4:45pm.;  
Sun 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

**Weddings:** No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:** call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

**Catholic Woman's Club:** will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Brown Center at 7:00pm.

**St. Sylvester:** Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391;

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481 and/or Eileen Miller 740-472-0279

**St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus** will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following 6:30pm Mass. Grand Knight Mr. Sam Schumacher.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338.

**Purgatorial Society** founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or for more information contact the Jackie Kirkland at 740-472-0338.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Mr. Joseph Long, coordinator.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)** The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1 through 8.

**St. Sylvester:** Jill Schumacher 740-472-5483

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481

**Call to register your children.**

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**St. Sylvester Central Elementary:** (PK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. 740-472-0321

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Michael Gossett:  
[mgossett@diosteub.org](mailto:mgossett@diosteub.org)

**Cub Scout Pack 17,** Pack Leader is Missy Dean (740) 934-9382  
[Mkd\\_1972@yahoo.com](mailto:Mkd_1972@yahoo.com)

**Boy Scout Troop 17** Scout Master: Mr. Tim Dolan (740)-213-7365

#### Catholic Cemetery Contacts:

**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849

**St. John the Baptist,** Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception,** Ozark; Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office 740-472-0187

**St. Joseph & Chapel Hill,** Burkhart Station: Russell Betts 740-567-3286

**St. Patrick's,** New Matamoras: Parish office: 740-472-0187

**Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral** (i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

#### Diocesan Child Protection and reporting of abuse

Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, 1-740-282-3631 or e-mail [jdunfee@diosteub.org](mailto:jdunfee@diosteub.org).

## 1st Sunday of Lent

### Saturday Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00pm  
Louis & Stella Schumacher Family by Francis & Edie Schumacher

### Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30am  
Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 am  
Living & Deceased of Lawrence & Clara Miller Family

**St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis** 12:30 pm  
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Stapleton

### Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30am  
+Lola Geldmacher by Catherine Paulus

### Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg**  
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am  
+Doug Chappell by Arla & Caden Potts

### Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30pm  
+Living & Deceased Member of the Knights of Columbus

### Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg**  
Holy Hour 8:00am Mass at 9:00 am  
Carolyn Miller by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller, Jr.

**St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis**  
Holy Hour of Reparation 7pm-8pm

### Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30am  
+Paul Gordon, Sr. by Terri Gordon  
Stations of the Cross to follow  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 7:00pm  
Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** (Latin) 8:30am  
Greg Schaad Family & Intentions

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00pm  
+Danny Betts (Anniversary of Death) by Mom, Dad & Family

### Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30am  
+Robert Wallace by Dan & Barb Schumacher

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg** 10:30 am  
Living & Deceased Members of our Parishes

**St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis** 12:30 pm  
+Fred Miller by Larry & Connie Richter Family

**Winter weather is here!**-When there is a two hour delay at St. Sylvester Central (due to weather) or cancelled that weekday Mass will be at noon at St. Sylvester. If there is a major winter event on the weekend, I will try to maintain the regular Mass schedule.

**Men's Day of Renewal**-World renown speaker and Catholic theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be offering a men's conference on March 7, 2020, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta, OH. The conference theme will be "The Challenge of Being Catholic" and it will address how to live and share our Catholic faith in

today's society. The day will include prayer, Reconciliation, several talks, and Mass. For registration and more information, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/steubenville-conference/>

**Visitation Deanery CCW** will meet Sunday, **March 15th** at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta, OH. All CWC unit officers and other members are encouraged to attend.

**"Standing Strong As A Parent And Grandparent"**  
**A Lenten Day Of Spirituality For Women Of The Diocese Of Steubenville**-Saturday, **March 28, 2020** at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. Cost is \$25 per person. Make reservations through DeDe Kidder, DCCW Treasurer, PO Box 31, Toronto, OH 43964. Make checks payable to Steubenville DCCW.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, with the morning program beginning at 10:00 am. Presented by Ray Guarendi.

Contact the following with questions:  
DeDe Kidder (740-632-3018) dede.kidder@gmail.com  
Joanne Kolanski (740-695-1617) jkolanski51@comcast.net  
Angela Cross (740-594-7511) angelamcross@gmail.com

## 2020 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. Pledge Sunday will take place on March 15th. We are called to take an active part in the life and mission of the Church. Through your participation in the D/PSC, you share in this work. Your sacrificial gifts enable the diocese to educate our seminarians (your future priests), care for retired priests, educate our youth through Catholic schools, religious education programs and youth ministry, assist the poor through Catholic Charities, Samaritan House, and other local efforts, and much more: Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution.

The 2020 goals for the churches of Monroe County are

St. John Bosco	\$ 1,835.00
St. John the Baptist	\$ 8,638.00
St. Sylvester	\$16,110.00

## Our Sunday Offering

for  
February 22/23

**St. John Bosco Mission**  
Will have 2 weeks in next week's Bulletin

### St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 919.00
Loose	\$ 35.00
School Collection	\$ 132.00
Propagation	\$ 20.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 20.00
Special Donation	\$ 30.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1958.00
Loose Collection	\$ 118.00
School Collection	\$ 244.00
Capital Improv.	\$ 25.00
Propagation	\$ 30.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 70.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and school.

## This Week

### Sunday

*St. Sylvester Central Bingo* at Brown Community Center  
Doors open at 5:00pm  
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

Adoration Noon-6:00pm  
Benediction at 6:00pm; Rosary at 6:15; Mass at 6:30  
Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's Club Meetings to follow

### Thursday

Adult Education at 7:00pm  
St. Sylvester Basement

### Saturday

Men's Day of Renewal in Marietta

### Sunday

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**In Loving Memory**

**of:**

David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
Danny Betts  
William H. Bolon  
Cyril Burkhart  
Herman & Hilda Burkhart  
Michael & Bertha Burkhart  
John & Cuppy Chaplin  
Johnny Chaplin  
Darrell Cline  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Lawrence Gallaher  
Lucy Gallaher  
Andrew Howell  
Clarence Howell  
Dorothy Howell  
Ova Howell  
Ruth Ellen Howell  
Mike Koval  
Walter Knox  
Monica Long  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison, Jr.  
Mary C. McLaughlin  
Madeline Mellinger  
Robert M. Miller, Sr.  
Francis Paulus  
Freedra Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Ella Richter  
Ralph Richter  
Clara Rush  
Imelda D. Scott  
Jim Scott  
Clarence Smith  
Meri C. Welsh

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we make the Lenten journey together, let us pray for each other and encourage one another to greater and greater love for God and neighbor. The result of our fasting, prayer and almsgiving is, after all, to increase in our love of God and neighbor. May the good Lord be merciful to us as we struggle against the flesh, the world, and the devil to be truly the sons and daughters of God. Also, please pray for those in our community who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter. We have several who have made the decision to become Catholics. We also have a group of young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers, as well, as we go through this Lent.

Please remember that we have Mass every day and it is a very good idea to attend daily Mass if at all possible. This is especially true during the season of Lent when we are trying to be renewed in the practice of our faith. We also have adoration on Wednesdays from noon to 6:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's and again on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist. On Fridays of Lent, we have Stations of the Cross following the morning Mass at St. Sylvester's and then again in the evening for working people at 7:00 p.m. Please participate and enrich your Lenten experience even more.

There are also adult education classes being held in the basement of St. Sylvester's Church on Thursdays during Lent to deepen our understanding of the faith. We are reviewing the teaching of the Church regarding the ten commandments as found in the official catechism of the Church.

This coming Saturday, March 7th is the men's day of prayer in Marietta with Dr. Scott Hahn. All the men are invited to attend at St. Mary's Basilica.

Also, on this Saturday, March 7th we will have a sung Mass in Latin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a pot luck breakfast in the basement of the church. Everyone is invited to attend. For those who are unfamiliar with the Latin Mass there are booklets available in the church that contain the ordinary parts of the Mass.

Have a good week everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

**Diocese of Steubenville presents Journeys of Faith**

Celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Steubenville by participating on an inspiring pilgrimage. Three spiritual journeys will be offered throughout the upcoming year – Philadelphia & Emmitsburg April 27-30, Historic Marietta June 24 and Washington DC & Baltimore October 21-23. All trips include transportation, lodging, selected meals, sightseeing, entrance fees, shrine donations and are fully escorted. An informative travel presentation is scheduled on Thursday, March 19 at 3:00PM in Marian Hall at St. Mary Church in St. Clairsville and 6:30PM at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell. All are welcome! For more information please call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790 or toll-free 1-877-565-8687.

**Try It! You'll Like It!**

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them "like gods, who know good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives? —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**A WORD FROM Pope Francis** There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for "my own people." That is, taking "bread" based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering. —HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

## Tuesday Bingo

### March 3rd

Monica Habig  
Schumacher  
Tyler/Beth Knowlton  
Aaron/Brandy Lucas  
Lucas/Crystal Cunningham  
Chuck Dye

### March 10th

Monica Habig  
Sam Schumacher  
John/Melissa Miller  
Kiven/Melissa Smithberger  
Zach/Nicole Eastham  
Christopher/Andrea Hall

### March 17th

Monica Habig  
Lance LaFollette  
Brooke Yontz  
Kathleen Thomas  
Greg/Leanne Harper  
Jon/Pam Knowlton

## Sunday Bingo

### March 1st

Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Michael/Adrienne Shelton  
Tiffany/Sean Zeakes  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson  
Gary/Keisha West

### March 8th

Monica Habig  
Schumacher  
Ted Babcock  
Rachel/Nathan Arden  
John/Shelly Blackstone  
Bill/Becky Bolon

### March 15th

Amanda Schumacher  
Missy Knowlton  
Steven Bright/Landri Miller  
Adam Chambers  
Tom/Lydia Brodegard  
Chad/Marissa Cole

## Bingo Kitchen

### March 1st

Jayne Vinskovich  
Rebecca Baldwin

### March 3rd

Joan Kirkland  
Tammy Jones

### March 8th

Michelle Speelman  
Laraine Sloan (2pies)

### March 10th

Alice Piatt  
Judy Blackstone

### March 15th

Rosemary Dick  
Louise Kress

### March 17th

St. John the Baptist

### March 22nd

Jill Schumacher  
Barb Burkhart

## Scripture Reading of the Week

### Saturday

#### FEBRUARY 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b–14 Lk 5:27–32

### Sunday

#### MARCH 1

#### First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7 Rom 5:12–19 or  
5:12, 17–19 Mt 4:1–11

### Monday

#### MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18 Mt 25:31–46

### Tuesday

#### MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10–11 Mt 6:7–15

### Wednesday

#### MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1–10 Lk 11:29–32

### Thursday

#### MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25

Mt 7:7–12

### Friday

#### MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21–28 Mt 5:20–26

### Saturday

#### MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16–19 Mt 5:43–48

### Sunday

#### MARCH 8

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a 2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9

## St. Sylvester Central School News

**St. Sylvester Central Script Program** is an excellent way to support Catholic Education and St. Sylvester Central without costing you money out of your pocket. The predetermined percentage we receive can be directed to be applied to a student's tuition or just given to the school.

**Registration Forms**—for the 2020-2021 school year have been sent home.

**Night at the Races**—Will be March 14th. Contact the school office to get your horse forms.

**Open House**— There will be an Open House at the school on Thursday, March 19th



## St. Joseph of Monroe County, Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus Samuel Schumacher, Grand Knight

**Leading by Example**—Our council seeks to develop a culture of charity, unity, and fraternity in faithful service to the Church and community. New members are welcome to join us!

**Next Meeting**—The next Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on March 4th. Adoration at 6:00 pm, Rosary at 6:15 pm Mass at 6:30 pm; meeting to follow.

**Fish Fry**— The Knights of Columbus will again be having fish fries during Lent. The dates are February 28th, March 13th, and March 27th.

**Double Chance Tickets for 2020**—are available. Tickets are \$50 each which gives you two chances a month to win \$100. See a Knight to get your ticket.

**The Noble County Catholic Mission** will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1<sup>st</sup> until Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr Timothy Shannon will direct this mission with the overall theme of "I AM" statements of Jesus. The mission starts off with a Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 at St. Michael Church in Carlisle and the service at 7 pm. The following nights, starting at 7 pm, will feature a different church: Monday evening at Immaculate Conception; Tuesday evening at Corpus Christi, Belle Valley; and Wednesday evening at St Stephen, Caldwell. This is an open invitation to strengthen your faith, be it one night or more.